

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:**            Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
                 Wamesit

**Address:**            22 Astle Street

**Historic Name:**    Elbridge Livingston House

**Uses:** Present:    Multi-family Residential  
                 Original:    Single Family

**Date of Construction:** c1870

**Source:**            Style and Deed Research

**Style/Form:**        Italianate

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    Granite

Wall/Trim:        Wood Clapboards

Roof:              Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Barn (Late 19th Century)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

**Condition:**        Fair

**Moved:** no | X |    yes | |    **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**            3.12 Acres

**Setting:**            Set on a high ridge overlooking Wamesit near the junction of Rogers, Astle, and Main Streets. The area along Astle Street is mainly residential, although nearby Main Street is a suburban commercial area.

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The Italianate farmhouse at **22 Astle Street** sets on a high ridge overlooking Wamesit near the junction of Rogers, Astle, and Main Streets. The five by four bay, two-and-a-half story house rests on a granite foundation. The rectangular building has two one-and-a-half story ells extending from the rear (west) façade. The walls of the building are clad in painted wood clapboards. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two narrow brick chimneys pierce the ridge of the roof. A third brick chimney is located on the southern ell. That ell is also the location of an exterior stone chimney. The house has been somewhat altered for its use as a multifamily residence; changes include 1/1 replacement windows, small entry additions with shed roofs on each ell, the front entry porch, the picture window on the south side of the east façade, and the entry porch on the northern ell. The main entry door is surrounded by divided sidelights and a tri-partite transom above.

A stone well covered by a gable roof is located just south of the southernmost ell.

To the rear (west) of the ell is large two-and-a-half story barn. The barn has a side gable roof. A large sliding door is centrally located beneath the eastern side of the side gable roof. The building is clad in painted wood clapboards and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Astle Street was formerly known as the county road leading to Lowell. In 1917 the eastern end of the street was relocated and the street was widened.

Although locally believe to date to c1800, the dwelling appears from the exterior to be from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1855 Dr. Abel Astle sold a large parcel of Land to Elbridge Livingston. In 1876 Livingston sold the house to Thomas C Barker. Barker was part owner of Taylor and Barker, a manufacturing chemical company that provided chemicals for the industrial mills in Lowell. In the 1890 valuations Taylor and Barker owned three houses, a barn, four sheds, an office building, chemical buildings northeast of Main Street, 18 acres homestead lot on Astle Street, and two lots on Whipple totaling 119 ½ acres.

In 1906 Taylor and Barker sold the residence to Thaddeus Garland of Augusta, ME. In 1910 the house was sold again to Manter & Stella Garland of Lowell. In 1944 the Garland's sold to Herbert and J Carolyn Mulno. The Mulno's operated a turkey farm and owned the extant barn, a poultry house and various storage buildings<sup>1</sup>. The farm is known locally as "The Turkey Farm". The Mulno's sold in 1960 to Herbert Mulno Jr and his wife Mildred. The valuations from that year indicates the house was on a 17ac lot and had a garage, barn, unfinished storage building, a shop, and poultry house. The Mulno family continued to operate the turkey farm as late as 1965 when the farmhouse was occupied by Bruce Mulno and Herbert and Mildred Mulno resided at 30 Astle Street.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Directories. 1896-97, 1898-99, 1900-01, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1919, 1927, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1942-1943, 1949 [Ancestry], 1953, 1955, 1961, and 1967.

<sup>1</sup> Property Valuations of the Town of Tewksbury, 1948.

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- Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.
  - 1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
  - Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.
  - Altas of Middlesex County 1889. Geo H Walker & Co.
  - List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
  - Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.

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